

Victorian Budget 2008-09

Arts Portfolio – New Asset Funding Initiatives

	2008-09 (\$ million)	2009-10 (\$ million)	2010-11 (\$ million)	2011-12 (\$ million)	TEI (\$million)
Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas: Stage 2 of the City of Literature Initiative	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2
Museum Victoria: Exhibition Renewal	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	8.0
Total Funding	7.2	4.0	0.0	0.0	11.2

Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas: Stage 2 of the City of Literature Initiative

The establishment and operation of the Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas is a key part of the Victorian Government's City of Literature Initiative. The Centre will provide a hub and a home for Victoria's literary and publishing community, fostering collaboration and invigorating the sector, providing resources to writers and organisations and providing a central focus for literary and ideas festivals and public programming. This asset funding supports the fit-out of the Centre, housed at the State Library of Victoria, including office accommodation, hot desks, shared meeting and workshop spaces, as well as a new performance space.

Museum Victoria: Exhibition Renewal

Museum Victoria is Australia's leading museum organisation, attracting around 1.5 million visitors a year. It is known for innovative and engaging exhibitions and public programs, including most recently, two new permanent exhibitions at Melbourne Museum - *The Mind: Enter the Labyrinth* and *The Melbourne Story*. This initiative will ensure that Museum Victoria can continue to refresh and reinvigorate its permanent exhibitions to ensure that it remains relevant to the people of Victoria, attractive to families, education audiences and tourists and at the leading edge of museums practice.